

To: Chairperson Schubart and Trustees
From: Chief Tom Bremner
Date: October 17th / 2011
Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (September / 2011)



- Our website; www.saltspringfire.com continues to be updated on a regular basis, and we encourage people to visit our site. We also have a large group of followers on our; Facebook and Twitter sites as well as the Salt Spring Community Exchange, which focuses on public announcements and information.
- Our Fulford training ground is moving forward well with efforts for a later fall completion.
- Members continued to be busy this month with training, work duties and calls for assistance. In September the SSIFR responded to; **60 calls for assistance**.

Response types were:

First Responder	20
Complaints	17
Haz-Mat	1
Motor Vehicle Incidents	1
Alarms	12
Bush / Grass Fires	1
Public Assists	4
Hydro	2
Misc	2

- Our American LaFrance pumper is out of service due to a mechanical breakdown, it is currently in Abbotsford at the ALF representative BC dealer's shop being repaired.
- The Chief and D/C attended the Annual Canadian Association of Fire Chief's Conference in Calgary, returning with many revisited learning's, new visions and training concepts.

Training Division report:

- Weekly drill attendance started revamping in September with the summer activities coming to a close. There were a variety of training topics presented throughout the month. Several members attended weekend training sessions on and off the Island.
- Our recruit members continued to progress with basic firefighter training and written test evaluations.

➤ **Fire Inspection / Prevention Division report:**



Commercial Inspections	61
Commercial Re-inspection	4
Responses to Emergencies	45
Category 3 Burn Pile Inspections	0
Review of Fire Safety Plans	2
Car Child-Seat Installs	1
Lockbox Installation	0
Battery Smoke Alarm requests	2
Public Information / Training	2 (120 Students – 16 Adults)
Public Education Tours	0 Sessions
Subdivision / Plan Reviews	3
Water Storage Tank Reviews	1
Provincial Licensing Inspections	0
Burning Permits issued to date	1756
Paperwork / Administration	Endless

- September has been a busy month in prepping for Fire Prevention Week (FPW) Activities in October. FPW will run from October 9th to 15th, with an Open House on Saturday Oct 15th at Hall 1 from 11 – 2. This year's theme is "Protect your family from Fire"
- We have also been dealing with Provincial agencies in matters of Occupancy Loads for public buildings, as well as indoor use of propane in public buildings. Both matters have required some time ensuring accurate information was being delivered and received for all parties concerned.
- Although we installed no smoke alarms this month, we continue to receive many calls regarding them. A provincial initiative has been set – up, and we can now recycle smoke alarms at the SS Recycling Center.
- Burning permits are required effective April 15th each year and they are good until April 15th of the following year before renewal is required for all types of burning. Permits can be obtained (for free) at the Ganges Fire Station during regular office hours. Category 3 Machine piles require an inspection prior to a permit being authorized.
- All classifications of fire burning are open with valid permits required.
- Chief requests an "In Camera" session relating to; (Property & Legal) items.